

Twenty-Five Years Of
Special Education In Michigan
Statistical Tables of the
Special Education Unduplicated
Child Count from 1975 to 2001

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Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1975 to 1978

Category	1975	1976	1977	1978
Educable Mentally Impaired	23,877	23,002	22,325	21,800
Trainable Mentally Impaired	8,426	8,492	8,659	8,480
Severely Mentally Impaired	4,958	4,530	4,236	4,006
Emotionally Impaired	10,516	12,605	14,198	16,075
Autistic Impaired				
Learning Disabled	19,741	26,076	31,545	38,191
Hearing Impaired	3,044	3,168	3,118	3,310
Visually Impaired	1,312	1,370	1,336	1,232
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	3,705	3,742	3,977	4,739
Severely Multiply Impaired	1,054	1,161	1,375	1,692
Speech & Lang. Impaired	69,659	66,241	63,311	59,791
Homebound/Hospitalized	1,149	1,193	1,190	1,206
Total	147,441	151,580	155,270	160,522

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment¹

	1975	1976	1977	1978
Total Enrollment FTE			2,023,944	1,965,685
Special Education Head Count	147,441	151,580	155,270	160,522
Percent Spec Ed.			7.67%	8.17%

¹ Total Enrollment FTE was provided by the Office of Pupil Accounting. Information for school years 1977-1991 was obtained from the publication Condition of Michigan Education. Information for school years 1992 forward was obtained from the SADATA.dbf files. Current year numbers are subject to change as public school academies are sometimes added late in the fiscal year and audited counts of pupils is not complete.

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1979 to 1982

Category	1979	1980	1981	1982
Educable Mentally Impaired	20,952	19,815	18,459	17,738
Trainable Mentally Impaired	8,193	8,164	7,873	7,672
Severely Mentally Impaired	3,361	3,178	3,096	3,116
Emotionally Impaired	17,931	19,506	19,160	20,319
Autistic Impaired				304
Learning Disabled	43,506	48,944	51,461	54,427
Hearing Impaired	3,306	3,232	3,213	3,176
Visually Impaired	1,225	1,156	969	1,017
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	4,762	5,096	5,414	5,180
Severely Multiply Impaired	1,808	1,943	2,202	1,962
Preprimary Impaired			1,065	1,369
Speech & Lang. Impaired	54,354	49,153	45,567	44,359
Total	159,398	160,187	158,479	160,639

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment

	1979	1980	1981	1982
Total Enrollment FTE	1,910,385	1,859,934	1,792,331	1,742,831
Special Education Head Count	159,398	160,187	158,479	160,639
Percent Spec Ed.	8.34%	8.61%	8.84%	9.22%

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1983 to 1986

Category	1983	1984	1985	1986
Educable Mentally Impaired	16,906	16,904	16,373	15,729
Trainable Mentally Impaired	7,455	7,352	7,216	6,892
Severely Mentally Impaired	2,952	2,995	2,947	2,813
Emotionally Impaired	21,421	22,326	21,922	21,046
Autistic Impaired	414	557	682	747
Learning Disabled	57,626	60,717	62,593	63,547
Hearing Impaired	3,171	3,047	2,861	2,835
Visually Impaired	964	979	1,014	940
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	5,056	5,086	4,856	4,950
Severely Multiply Impaired	1,984	1,926	1,980	2,133
Preprimary Impaired	1,597	1,739	1,726	1,771
Speech & Lang. Impaired	43,406	43,429	42,927	42,911
Total	162,952	167,057	167,097	166,314

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment

	1983	1984	1985	1986
Total Enrollment FTE	1,712,103	1,678,458	1,666,281	1,657,423
Special Education Head Count	162,952	167,057	167,097	166,314
Percent Spec Ed.	9.52%	9.95%	10.03%	10.03%

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1987 to 1990

Category	1987	1988	1989	1990
Educable Mentally Impaired	15,047	14,572	13,957	13,825
Trainable Mentally Impaired	6,719	6,393	6,283	6,077
Severely Mentally Impaired	2,751	2,514	2,363	2,250
Emotionally Impaired	20,482	19,710	19,310	19,123
Autistic Impaired	848	942	1,060	1,208
Learning Disabled	65,388	67,244	69,069	72,529
Hearing Impaired	2,862	2,860	2,871	2,952
Visually Impaired	967	923	906	969
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	5,337	5,524	5,755	6,059
Severely Multiply Impaired	2,413	2,590	2,838	2,968
Preprimary Impaired	1,998	1,925	2,157	2,120
Speech & Lang. Impaired	41,762	41,421	42,131	42,658
Total	166,574	166,618	168,700	172,738

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment

	1987	1988	1989	1990
Total Enrollment FTE	1,657,423	1,640,294	1,637,592	1,651,502
Special Education Head Count	166,574	166,618	168,700	172,738
Percent Spec Ed.	10.1%	10.2%	10.3%	10.5%

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1991 to 1994

Category	1991	1992	1993	1994
Educable Mentally Impaired	13,649	14,059	14,663	15,385
Trainable Mentally Impaired	5,854	5,711	5,594	5,587
Severely Mentally Impaired	2,069	2,023	1,896	1,822
Emotionally Impaired	18,403	18,265	17,696	17,317
Autistic Impaired	1,342	1,543	1,760	2,024
Learning Disabled	74,823	77,096	78,494	79,978
Hearing Impaired	2,985	3,027	3,028	3,100
Visually Impaired	981	1,003	1,023	1,026
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	6,436	7,250	8,319	9,488
Severely Multiply Impaired	3,096	3,226	3,368	3,424
Preprimary Impaired	2,315	2,559	2,905	3,105
Speech & Lang. Impaired	43,511	44,352	45,499	46,447
Total	175,464	180,114	188,703	188,703

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment

	1991	1992	1993	1994
Total Enrollment FTE	1,673,020	1,675,465	1,667,041	1,653,949
Special Education Head Count	175,464	180,114	188,703	188,703
Percent Spec Ed.	10.5%	10.8%	11.3%	11.4%

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1995 to 1998

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998
Educable Mentally Impaired	15,989	16,254	16,806	18,131
Trainable Mentally Impaired	5,523	5,562	5,583	5,663
Severely Mentally Impaired	1,772	1,711	1,694	1,612
Emotionally Impaired	17,296	17,466	17,755	18,423
Autistic Impaired	2,308	2,648	3,083	3,737
Learning Disabled	82,239	83,730	86,664	89,940
Hearing Impaired	3,182	3,246	3,276	3,422
Visually Impaired	1,016	1,003	997	1,016
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	10,617	11,670	12,619	13,554
Severely Multiply Impaired	3,564	3,648	3,693	3,817
Preprimary Impaired	3,239	3,438	3,434	3,389
Speech & Lang. Impaired	47,620	48,898	50,275	51,165
Total	194,365	199,244	205,879	213,869

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total Enrollment FTE	1,673,879	1,680,693	1,694,320	1,710,365
Special Education Head Count	194,365	199,244	205,879	213,869
Percent Spec. Ed.	11.6%	11.9%	12.2%	12.5%

Special Education Unduplicated Child Count from 1999 to Preliminary 2001

Category	1999	2000	Preliminary 2001	% 2001
Educable Mentally Impaired	18,656	19,232	19,649	8.5%
Trainable Mentally Impaired	5,771	5,760	5,886	2.5%
Severely Mentally Impaired	1,597	1,581	1,541	0.7%
Emotionally Impaired	18,628	19,194	19,449	8.4%
Autistic Impaired	4,260	4,930	5,682	2.4%
Learning Disabled	92,298	94,564	95,287	41.0%
Hearing Impaired	3,462	3,487	3,340	1.4%
Visually Impaired	1,031	1,039	1,016	0.4%
Phy. & Other Health Impaired	14,506	15,762	16,826	7.2%
Severely Multiply Impaired	3,894	3,932	3,911	1.7%
Preprimary Impaired	3,484	3,570	3,921	1.7%
Speech & Lang. Impaired	52,030	53,951	55,906	24.1%
Total	219,617	227,002	232,414	100.0%

Unduplicated Special Education Count As A Percent Of the Fall Enrollment²

	1999	2000	2001	--
Total Enrollment FTE	1,700,885	1,706,939	Unavailable	--
Special Education Head Count	219,617	227,002	232,414	--
Percent Spec. Ed.	12.9%	13.3%	--	--

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